GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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BANK STRIKE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the bank employees` association and other bank unions have observed one day`s strike on July 28, 2006 :

(b) if so, main demands for the strike ;

(c) the total number of strikes, the banks have observed during the last one year ;

(d) the extent to which their demands have been met during the period ;

(e) whether due to frequent strikes of banks, the Union Government is considering to dismantle the unions/ associations which are causing inconvenience to the general public; and

(f) if so, the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHR! PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Three unions of employees in Public Sector Banks, viz. All India Bank Employees`Association, All India Bank Officers` Association and Bank Employees Federation of India had given a call for one day all India Bank strike on 28th July 2006 in support of their following demands:-

(i) Withdrawal of RBI circular on outstanding of banking services;

(ii) Withdrawal of decision of RBI on outstanding of clearing operations;

(iii) Withdrawal of amendment to Section 12 (2) of the Banking Regulation Act,1949 on removal of ceiling on voting rights in banks;

(iv) Filling up of the nearly one lakh vacancies in banks through recruitment; and

(v) Expeditious extension of one more option for pension.

(c) and (d) During the period from 1.1.2005 to till date three nationwide strikes were observed by bank employees for which the Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) had been holding conciliation proceedings with the unions to resolve the issues from time to time but, the parties could not arrive at any acceptable position.

(e) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government to dismantle the unions/associations of bank employees.

(f) Does not arise.